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SUBJECT: EARLY WARNING: MINISTERIAL COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION  
PREQUALIFICATION TO BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY

1. FORTHCOMING KUWAITI PROJECT TO BUILD OFFICE BUILDING  
COMPLEX, TO BE TENDERED EARLY JANUARY, 1977, OFFERS SIG-  
NIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR US CIVIL CONTRACTORS, MECHANICAL  
AND ELECTRICAL SUB-CONTRACTORS, MANUFACTURERS OF ELEVATORS,  
CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES. DETAILS  
FOLLOW.

2. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT GOK INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE  
DURING COMING WEEK (AROUND OCTOBER 17) IN OFFICIAL  
GAZETTE, START OF PREQUALIFICATION PHASE FOR A NEW  
US DOLS 110 MILLION MINISTERIAL COMPLEX.  
TO BE LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN KUWAIT, COMPLEX WAS DESIGNED  
BY GOK MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS. IT WILL CONSIST OF FOUR  
BUILDINGS, GROUPED AROUND A SEMI-COVERED CENTRAL PLAZA,  
FOUR STORIES HIGH, PLUS A TWO-LEVEL UNDERGROUND PARKING  
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GARAGE. COMPLEX WILL HOUSE OFFICES OF AS MANY AS SIX GOK

MINISTRIES. BESIDE OFFICES (WITH A MOVEABLE WALL SYSTEM TO MAXIMIZE FLEXIBILITY) AND PARKING FOR 2,300 AUTOS, FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE DECORATIVE FOUNTAINS, CAFETERIAS, BRANCH BANKS, LIBRARY, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, MECHANICAL VENTILATION FOR PARKING, LIFTS, ESCALATORS, PNEUMATIC TUBING SYSTEMS, ETC. TOTAL SIZE OF OFFICE SPACE IS 135,000 SQ METERS, WITH 130,000 SQ METERS FOR PARKING.

3. CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION DESCRIBED AS IN SITU REINFORCED CONCRETE SKELETON FRAME WITH WAFFLE SLAB AND PRECAST WALLING ELEMENTS. SUB-CONTRACTORS WILL BE APPOINTED FOR AIR-CONDITIONING AND VENTILATION, FOR LIFTS, ESCALATORS, AND PNEUMATIC TUBING, AND FOR INTERNAL PARTITIONING SYSTEM. MAXIMUM CONSTRUCTION PERIOD WILL BE 1000 DAYS. SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ALL MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND LABOR FOR PROJECT, IF NECESSARY BY IMPORTS. TENDER IS EXPECTED WITHIN 60 DAYS (I.E., EARLY JAN, 1977).

4. ANNOUNCEMENT WILL ALSO CONTAIN PROVISION THAT ALL CONTRACTORS ALREADY PREQUALIFIED FOR MPW'S HOSPITAL CONTRACTS, INCLUDING FAHAHEEL (PERINI, US) AND MUBARAK AL-KABIR ARE AUTOMATICALLY PREQUALIFIED FOR SUBJECT PROJECT. SUBMISSION OF LETTER OF INTENT WILL BE SUFFICIENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT ADDRESSEES CIRCULATE INFORMATION ON OPPORTUNITY TO RELEVANT US FIRMS. FIRMS WISHING FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, P.O. BOX 8, KUWAIT, ATTENTION: MR. BARRAK AL-TURKI, MAJOR PROJECTS, OR CENTRAL TENDERS COMMITTEE, POBOX 1070, KUWAIT.  
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